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SUBJECT:SC ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA--COMPLIANCE BY
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1. DEPARTMENT IS GRATIFIED TO LEARN FROM REFTEL THAT SOUTH KOREA INTENDS TO COMPLY WITH TERMS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418 (TEXT BELOW) ESTABLISHING MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA.

2. COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG CITED IN REF-TEL ARE ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE BUT WERE TAKEN OUT OF CON-

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TEXT. AMBASSADOR YOUNG MENTIONED ROK AND ROC AS EXAMPLES OF NON-MEMBER STATES WHICH WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY TERMS OF SC RESOLUTION. THERE WAS NO IMPLICATION IN AMB. YOUNG'S REMARKS THAT EITHER ROK OR ROC HAD ENGAGED IN OR WAS LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA. YOU MAY INFORM UN AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR YI THAT DEPT. WILL, SHOULD APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISE, NOTE WITH SATISFACTION FOR PUBLIC RECORD SOUTH KOREA'S PAST RECORD AND FUTURE INTENTION RE ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA AS SET FORTH IN AMB. MOON'S LETTER TO SYG WALDHEIM.

3. AS FAR AS ROC IS CONCERNED, EMBASSY TAIPEI POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND MAAG CHIEF SHOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, PASSING ON TEXT OF SC RESOLUTION AND DRAWING ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

A) SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. THIS ACTION REFLECTED WIDELY-HELD VIEW THAT MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY SOUTH AFRICA OCTOBER 19 IN BANNING 19 ORGANIZATIONS AND ARRESTING LARGE NUMBER OF OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID REPRESENTED QUALITATIVELY NEW STEP IN SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION;

B) THE U.S. HAS OBSERVED A VOLUNTARY EMBARGO ON NEW ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1963. IN RESPONSE TO UNSC ACTION, WE HAVE NOW INSTITUTED BAN ON ALL SALES OF SPARE

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PARTS FOR ITEMS SOLD PRIOR TO 1963 AS WELL AS PARAMILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE FORCES.

C) WE BELIEVE THAT ALL STATES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE UN, SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION;

D) WE WILL BE UNABLE TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS BY ROC TO SOUTH AFRICA OF ANY ARMS, AMMUNITION OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBTAINED FROM U.S. UNDER FMS PROCEDURES, MANUFACTURED IN TAIWAN WITH MAP-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT OR UNDER U.S. LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS, OR WHICH UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY OBTAINED FROM THE U.S.;

E) WE HOPE THAT THE ROC IN ITS FUTURE DEALINGS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE GUIDED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SC RESOLUTION.

4. IF ROC OFFICIALS SHOW SENSITIVITY REGARDING IMPLICATIONS OF THIS APPROACH, POST MAY POINT OUT THAT WE PLAN SIMILAR APPROACHES TO OTHER NON-UN MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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POST MAY WISH TO DRAW ROC ATTENTION TO KOREAN LETTER TO WALDHEM (REFTEL) EXPRESSING INTENT TO ABIDE BY MANDATORY ARMS SANCTIONS.

5. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY ALSO NOTE THAT ISRAEL HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL HONOR UNSC RESOLUTION.

6. FOR BERN: YOU MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE TALKING POINTS AT YOUR DISCRETION IN DISCUSSING ARMS EMBARGO WITH SWISS, MAKING POINT THAT WE ARE MAKING SIMILAR APPROACHES TO NON-UN MEMBERS. OUR RECORDS SHOW TWO SWISS CONTRACTS DATING FROM 1960'S COVERING SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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LONG BEEN COMPLETED. IN VIEW SWISS ADHERENCE SINCE 1963 TO VOLUNTARY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND TO PAST SWISS CONDEMNATIONS OF APARTHEID, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SWISS PUBLIC STATEMENT REITERATING PAST POLICY AND EXPLICITLY ADHERING TO TERMS OF MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO.

7. TEXT OF SC RESOLUTION 418 FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

"THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 392 (1976) STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS RESORT TO MASSIVE VIOLENCE AGAINST AND KILLINGS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING SCHOOLCHILDREN AND STUDENTS AND OTHERS OPPOSING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND CALLING UPON THAT GOVERNMENT URGENTLY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST THE AFRICAN PEOPLE AND TAKE URGENT STEPS TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,

"RECOGNIZING THAT THE MILITARY BUILD-UP AND PERSISTENT ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST THE NEIGHBORING STATES SERIOUSLY DISTURB THE SECURITY OF THOSE STATES,

"FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT THE EXISTING ARMS EMBARGO MUST BE STRENGTHENED AND UNIVERSALLY APPLIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS OR QUALIFICATIONS WHATSOEVER, IN ORDER TO PREVENT A FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF THE GRAVE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA,

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"TAKING NOTE OF THE LAGOS DECLARATION FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHIED (S/12426),

"GRAVELY CONCERNED THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS AT THE THRESHOLD OF PRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

"STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS ACTS OF REPRESSION, ITS DEFIANT CONTINUANCE OF THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID AND ITS ATTACKS AGAINST NEIGHBORING INDEPENDENT STATES,

"CONSIDERING THAT THE POLICIES AND ACTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ARE FRAUGHT WITH DANGER TO INTER-NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 181 (1963) AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING A VOLUNTARY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA,

"CONVINCED THAT A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO NEEDS TO BE UNIVERSALLY APPLIED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN THE FIRST INSTANCE,

"ACTING, THEREFORE, UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

"1. DETERMINES, HAVING REGARD TO THE POLICIES AND ACTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, THAT THE ACQUISITION BY SOUTH AFRICA OF ARMS AND RELATED MATERIEL CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY;

"2. DECIDES THAT ALL STATES SHALL CEASE FORTHWITH ANY PROVISION TO SOUTH AFRICA OF ARMS AND RELATED MATERIEL OF ALL TYPES, INCLUDING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, MILITARY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, PARA-MILITARY POLICE EQUIPMENT, AND SPARE PARTS FOR THE AFORE-

MENTIONED, AND SHALL CEASE AS WELL THE PROVISION OF ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND GRANTS OF LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS, FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR MAINTENANCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED;

"3. CALLS ON ALL STATES TO REVIEW, HAVING REGARD TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESOLUTION, ALL EXISTING CONTRACTUAL

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ARRANGEMENTS WITH AND LICENSES GRANTED TO SOUTH AFRICA RELATING TO THE MANUFACTURE AND MAINTENANCE OF ARMS, AMMUNITION OF ALL TYPES AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES, WITH A VIEW TO TERMINATING THEM;

"4. FURTHER DECIDES THAT ALL STATES SHALL REFRAIN FROM ANY COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN THE MANUFACTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS;

"5. CALLS UPON ALL STATES, INCLUDING STATES NON-MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ACT STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION;

"6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE FIRST REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN 1 MAY 1978;

"7. DECIDES TO KEEP THIS ITEM ON ITS AGENDA FOR FURTHER ACTION, AS APPROPRIATE, IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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